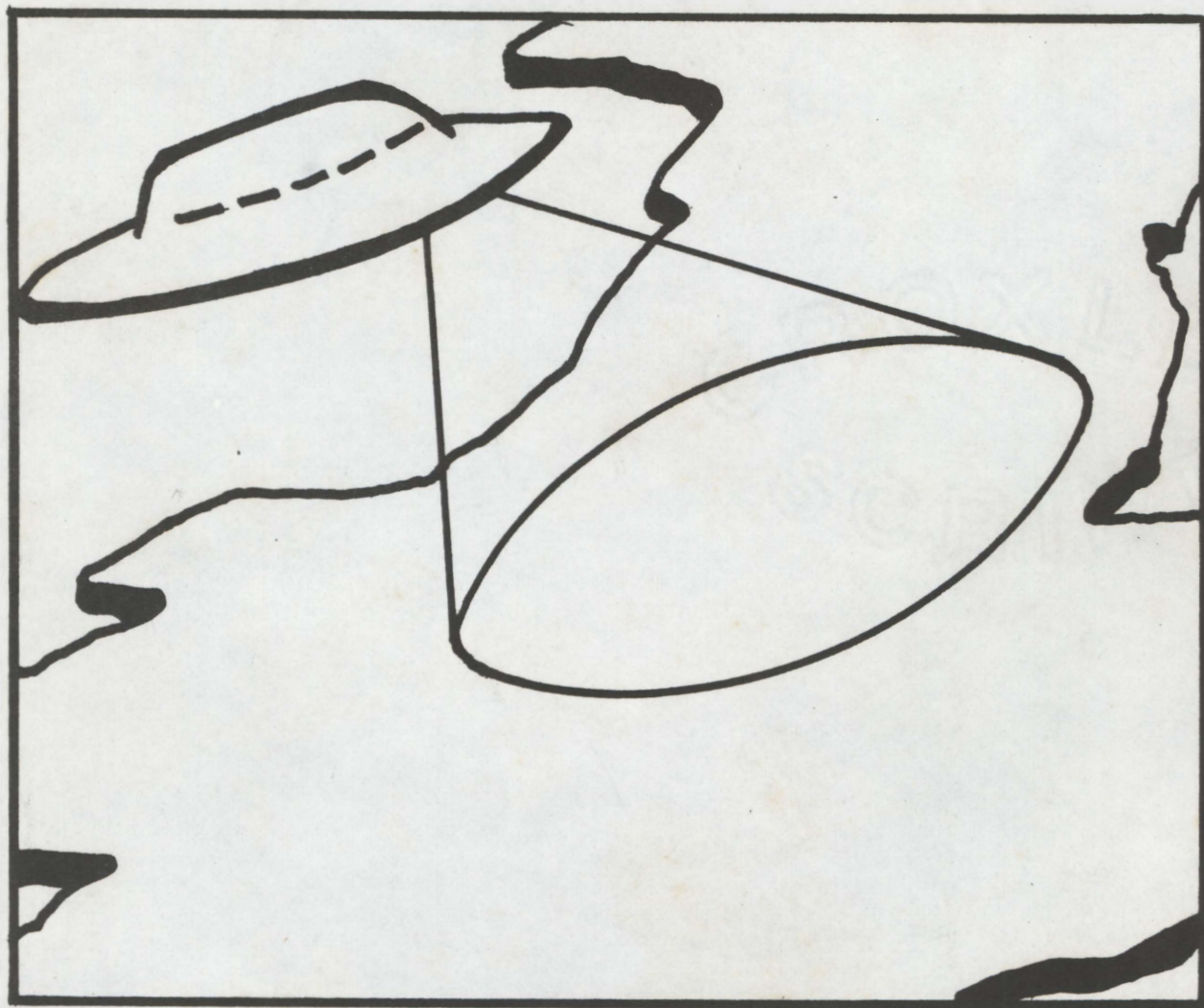


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EDITORIAL: 'It can't be..It musn't be..It isn't.....It is! '

With this issue of Northern UFO News I complete three years of editing it. During this time only two issues have been missed (one month due to the printers and another due to myself being ill in hospital). However, my viewpoints about the UFO phenomenon itself have almost completed an about face. The full extent of this, already alluded to by several articles I have recently had printed in FSR, UFO Research Review and elsewhere will become apparant when the book, 'UFOs - A British Viewpoint' is published by Peter Warrington and myself next Autumn. However, the signs are clear to see if one keeps ones eyes open. They abound all around and permeate almost every issue of this newsletter. These are not signs of personal bias, but of a new direction the phenomenon is taking.

A few weeks ago Peter Warrington and I gave a talk to the Lancashire Society for Psychic Research. We covered the field briefly and then pointed to our 'new' ideas. Whilst in their detail they were new even to those present the general mood behind them was not, "This is something we have known for years", we were told - almost with contempt. This mood is such that UFOs are but part of a vastly greater subject. We can no more talk about UFOs as separate from other paranormal events than we can talk about an eclipse without reference to the Sun or Moon.

You have seen of late how 'odd' things have happened. The text of the special report Peter and I prepared on 'Gary' and his effect on us was but a brief introduction. The catalytic process continues in abundance as we are 'led' onwards - towards the truth, I wonder, or towards yet another dead end such as the extra-terrestrial hypothesis? It is like going backwards up a blind alley. We know we are going somewhere, but we don't know where - and when we get there we may well be trapped.

A study of some of the recent strange cases in the NUN will leave one in little doubt. Psychics seeing UFOs. Messages passed on by innocent contactees for the benefit of Peter and I. Witnesses being 'astral projected' into UFOs or suffering 'halucinations' which allude to the truth they cannot understand. People seeing things whilst others with them see nothing. People 'knowing' that UFOs are about to appear. Ufologists seeing ufos too often for comfort. Where - one might wonder - is this all leading us. Wherever it is there can be little doubt that what we know of as the UFO phenomenon is far wiereder than a little man in a bacofoil suit hopping down from Venus on a day trip or to study the primitive earthmen (who 'peel them with their metal knives and then chop them all to bits..')

Nigel Watson pointed out to me that the little frogmen in FSR Vol 22 No 6 smacks of the influence of Kermut from the Muppets, whereas the Dapple Grey Lake encounter in Vol 23 No 1 sounds a bit like the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. Serious or not, the thoughts expounded by Peter Rogerson in a highly important article 'Doves are just middle class pigeons' in the Summer 77 MUFOB must be read. The change in vogue of current contactee stories is important. Look at George Adamski and compare to Mrs Hamilton from Belfast or Mr L from West Yorkshire.

There seems to be a current 'craze' sweeping ufology. People are getting tired of sighting reports. Where is it getting us? Someone new says to me everyday, Maybe it is getting us somewhere after all. I note that of the five prominent ufologists on the NUFON TV show 21 months ago only Peter and I are more than superficially active now - and we have both come under subtle pressures of late. Perhaps the phenomenon is trying to put us off. Perhaps this is the point where so many ufologists drop out of sight. The message for us all is to fight it. The truth will out.

In the July issue of NUN Mr Delair complains of many ufo sightings being too readily explained and, in effect, being written off without thorough investigation. He cites an example of case 76/137, where the investigators decided that the witness had probably misidentified a satellite and adds that this is but one of many such 'hasty conclusions'.

Mr Delair goes on to say that many apparently mundane sightings, which are so casually explained, are not mundane when viewed in the light of other similar cases from elsewhere. The implication here is that a case should only be labeled as explained if one is absolutely certain of the explanation. If doubt remains then it should be left open.

This attitude would be quite wrong in the case of many sightings, such as the one quoted. Firstly, investigators do not have the time to fully devote to the investigation of mere lights in the sky (LITS). They would rather concentrate on those of higher strangeness. Mr Delair accepts that the vast majority of LITS are identifiable and should therefore accept that they do not bear serious investigation - especially if there are other cases to work on. The cited case happened to coincide with about ten other reports, which may make it of more interest or may be mere coincidence. In any case there is no way the investigator could have known this as they were all abroad. I would suggest, as the editor pointed out, the NUFON system will spot any coincidental cases and if any significant number of LITS appear close together, in time or space, then further investigation can be done. This is the great strength of NUFON. In the meantime when an investigator receives a LITS report he should give it only a superficial check.

Secondly, we must be cautious not to read into a case something which is not there. It may be just a coincidence that this report occurred at the same time as one in Australia. We are attempting to obtain good sighting reports to gain some information about the phenomenon, and to provide convincing case studies which will swing opinion in favour of the subject. Neither aim would be helped by trying to make something of every case. A light in the sky is ALWAYS explainable and unconvincing because there are so many possible explanations for it. No matter how deeply investigated a light in the sky is just that, and will never convince anyone of the existence of UFOs nor provide useful information.

In the editors notes it was suggested that the investigator should report on his investigation into the case stating what checks have been made. This is an excellent idea, but I do not agree that it is necessary with every LITS report. Training investigators is a good idea also, but surely if an investigator were highly trained it would only re-inforce my arguments. It would be a terrible waste of talent to use a skilled investigator on a LITS case. UFO investigations may be, as Mr Delair put it, 'the bricks from which the ufological house is built' but this is only so if they supply some solid information. If this appears unlikely then the case should be given a low priority from the very outset.

(Back to you Mr Delair? Any other contributions on this topic? Certainly I can see both points of view, and that is why I feel CONTACT UK does such an excellent job in international documentation. Collation of LITS is important. That is why your work for NUFON is respected and why we publish EVERYTHING in here. Yet the points Ken makes illustrate why UFOIN was needed - to work on high strangeness cases exclusively and to take one or two of the bricks and turn them into pre-fabricated slabs to fill the whole side of the house. - Jenny Randles)

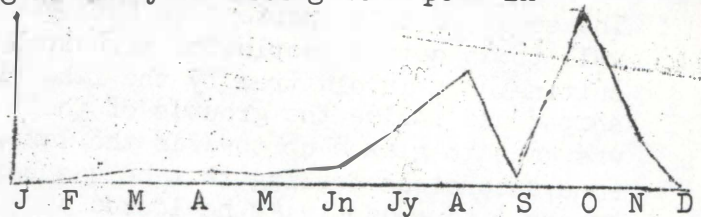
ANALYSIS OF 1967 REPORTS

By Geoff Falla (UFOIN)

I was interested to see the analysis of 128 reports from 1975 by NUFON (Now added to by the 1976 analysis, available at 30p - editor). I think you will be interested in the enclosed distribution for 1967 - which you will recall was an outstanding 'flap' year in the UK. The total number of reports turned out to be much higher than my 179, but the interesting point is that the distribution seems to confirm

ANALYSIS OF 1967 REPORTS Cont...

a low level of reports at the beginning of the year rising to a peak in October. The points made about August 15 and 16 are significant. I have 3 reports logged for these two days, which is about average (with 41 for August as a whole). The locations, however, are all in the North West of England - viz Wigan, Eccles and Weaverham. Reports on August 14 and 17 were also in the NUFON area. It might be of interest to map the locations and see if there are any alignments in force.



(I have written an article for the PULSE publication, PULSAR (Issue 2) which goes into this question of alignment. It may be interesting to take the idea one step further and look at August 15/16 reports specifically. - Jenny Randles)

SIGHTING REPORTS

Report 6612 April 28 1966 Aberdeen, Scotland LEVEL E FAPURG

This report comes from the research work Bryan Hartley is doing for NUFON - which involves contacting the local press in areas where ufology is not well represented (a valuable job some of you could undertake during periods when the UFOs fail to fly for a time). It concerns an object shaped like a football and apparently transparent. It was virtually stationary and was seen by a large number of witnesses between 08.00 and 0.930. Its size and height were considered enormous, but weather men observed it and could offer no explanation. It was not one of their weather balloons.

Report 7122 September 5 1971 Cadishead, Grt Manchester LEVEL E Ian Cresswell

A teenage boy, his friend and his parents observed a stationary object just after 21.00 for five minutes. It was flashing orange and had a red border. It moved away out of sight, but through binoculars seemed to have two lights on it.

Report 7123 August 31 1971 Strensall, N. Yorkshire LEVEL E BUFORA

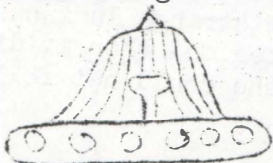
An 18 year old man, a 19 year old friend and his 16 year old sister were waiting for a bus at 23.20 when they saw a series of orange streaks of light which rose hovered and then fell. They saw at least four, the latter ones being red. No very flares were reported to have been fired in the area at the time.

Report 7225 June 29 1972 Leamington, Spa, W. Mid LEVEL A Ian Sanders

Mrs Lawes first spotted the bright white light from her kitchen about 23.00. When it was still in the same position a few minutes later she called her husband. They then saw a neighbour arrive, and he was also called over. All three watched the object through binoculars from the garden. The police were then telephoned and two constables arrived. They also saw the light, flashing in a sequence RED-BLUE-GREEN-WHITE-RED. Other darker lights appeared by the side and all flashed in unison. Checks were made with the police control and the airport but nobody else outside the immediate area could see anything unusual. After three hours all observers finally gave up and left the lights still there. The next night was also clear and the police came by again, but nothing was to be seen.

Report 7226 August 17 1972 Thirsk, N. Yorkshire LEVEL B BUFORA

An interesting case that I came across whilst doing some work on the BUFORA files concerns a couple, who at 14.00 were driving along the A19 near Thirsk when after seeing a formation of blood red lights (5) in the sky they came



across a green object shaped like a pumpkin in a field by the road. It had dark ribs down the pulsating green dome and a red cone on top. On the side was a fluorescent blue 'T' shaped door. The area surrounding

the object was strangley still. After stopping they drove on by past the object.

The scene of this incident is Betley Hall, home of the Bailey family - a rather well to do set of people. The principal witness, Philip Bailey (then aged 25) was cutting down an old tree by the lake side (the lake being large and irregular shaped and inside the grounds of their home). The time was 2.45pm. Suddenly Philip was made to glance up towards the lake. He does not know if this was because of some unconscious feeling that he was being watched or because of the fact that the breeze died suddenly. As he looked at the lake the water was still - there was not a ripple to be seen. This fact was obviously remarkable to the witness. No more than 150 feet away and 50 feet above the lake was a strange object. He called to his girlfriend, Vicky, who was nearby and she took about twenty seconds to reach his side. During this time the object was stationary. It was disc shaped with a flattened portion and was charcoal grey or darker. It reflected perfectly in the still waters. The object now began to move away across the surface of the lake, and at this point Philip's brother David (aged 15) arrived with a friend. All four were now witness as the object continued to accelerate along the surface of the water rising slowly upwards and clearing the trees at the end before going out of sight. It was in view for two minutes. As it moved away across the lake a group of three pigeons swooped down and began to 'buzz' the object. They continued to do so until the object accelerated away from them. The witnesses are all familiar with natural phenomena, and such things as marsh gas, occasionally seen in proximity to the freshwater lake.

THE CAR THAT DISAPPEARED Report by Derek James (UFORA Staffs)

This story will seem fantastic to many, but it assuredly did happen. For obvious reasons some of the personal details cannot be here revealed (although they are on file with NUFON).

The incident occurred following a sighting of a UFO by a man in the Midlands, during the prominent August/September 1974 flap. The sighting was not especially important, being just a light in the sky. However, it was subsequently explained as the Russian Satellite Cosmos 408 - a fact disputed by investigator Derek James. On checking with Farnborough for satellite data it was confirmed that this satellite was NOT responsible (indeed it was not even visible from Britain). A letter was sent to the MOD asking why they had wrongly 'identified' this case. It was ignored.

However, the witness now found himself being visited by a black jaguar car with 'strange men' in it. It parked outside his door each night for a time before driving off. Using a police contact and the 'lever' that they might be casing a large toy firm situated close to the witnesses home Derek James was able to get help for the distressed man. A patrol car was sent to keep watch on the car. Sure enough it turned up and for two nights the two policemen timed its stay and departure. On the third night they were given instructions to apprehend the car and its occupants for questioning.

The policemen left their car on the High Street and walked around the corner in full view of the Jaguar. The date was October 21st and the time 9.05pm. They came close to it ready to knock on the window when in front of their very eyes the Jaguar and occupants simply melted away and vanished. Needless to say it proved somewhat difficult to explain away what had taken place, both for the policemen concerned and their superior (the contact of Derek James).

Clearly this is a case you either take or leave. But it has to be explained as part of the UFO phenomenon.

Report 75/149 Unknown 1975 Irlam, Gt Manchester LEVEL A MUFORA

Mrs Wild saw the object through her living room window at 8pm one evening. It was dome shaped 'like St Paul's Cathedral' and was a strange luminous white. It was stationary in the west for at least ten minutes and then it disappeared suddenly by accelerating away to the south so fast she could not follow it.

The event took place in late 1975 around midnight. The location was close to Donaghadee, Northern Ireland. The witness (now 20) had been babysitting for neighbours down the lane. It was a cold, frosty night and she had no coat but when she was offered a lift home (a few hundred yards down the road) she said no (though she feels that she normally would have said yes). She spotted the object on a bearing of 245 degrees, elevation 15 degrees. It was milky white and a clearly defined oval (twice the apparent size of the full moon along its major axis). She reached home and brought her father out. They stood looking at it for some thirty minutes. Then they went in with it still there. The event left a strong impression on the witness, although her father does not recall it at all. Their home is called 'Fairy Hill' due to the proximity of a 'Fairy Knoll' and the surrounds are steeped in tradition of fairy mythology, witchcraft and possible ley-lines.

UFOIN NEWS

As you will have noted from previous issues of NUN and this one the old 'law' of ufology has been vindicated once again. No sooner do we note in the NUFON report that May has been showing an unusually low incidence of reports in recent years that we have a huge flap centred on MAY this year! Several of the cases have been of high strangeness, and UFOIN has been following them through for publication in FSR (eg the Hainault landing with traces - FSR Vol 23 No 2) Another has been turned up by Bryan Hartley from his newspaper searches (see Page Three). This occurred on May 18 in the inaccessible part of Scotland near Elgin. It seemingly involves the landing of an object which left traces and also had an occupant by its side. There are several witnesses. Work is progressing into this. (NUFON 7793). SUFORS also came up with an investigation from the flap (NUFON 7798). This occurred at Burringham, South Humberside on May 26 at 03.35 and involved a brief sighting of a red flame like object which made a huge roaring noise. It was seen by a single witness from a caravan site, but others heard the noise. The local MP has helped, to follow this one up with SUFORS! The NUFONIS team completed their field trip to Bridlington and have turned in a report on the Jan 27 sighting which had physical effects, and possible E/M effects too. Ken Green has been along to pursue the Jan 5 photo case at Wrexham and both these will be featured in full in FSR in the near future. (Preliminary accounts have already been featured in NUN). Now that UFOIN reports are to be regularly featured in FSR you would be missing out not to combine a subscription of NUN with one of FSR. FSR costs £4.20 per annum from West Malling, Maidstone, KENT.

Report 7764b April 28 1977 Bury, Gtr Manchester LEVEL A DIGAP

This is a report from the night of April 28, when strange phenomena were seen from many parts of the north and midlands. Mrs Isherwood is a retired lady. At approximately 1.45 am she awoke and went to the bathroom. She saw through her window in the northeast a very bright white spherical object. It was not in the sky, but below the level of hills which formed a backdrop. She watched it for a few moments and it started to move and elongated into a distinct cigar shape. It went out of sight behind a building and so she went to the front of her home and watched it move slowly and silently towards Manchester, roughly south eastwards. It was in view a good fifteen minutes before going out of sight.

Report 7792 About May 1977 Scotland LEVEL E

At the moment all we have is a press cutting on this case, but Bill Muir is trying to follow it up for us. It concerns Michael Dunn, a long distance lorry driver who was driving along a country lane in Scotland during daylight when he saw a domed disc shape. He was able to take three polaroid prints of the object.

Yet more reports to indicate the strength of the May flap. We have 26 reports on file for that month, eight between the 20th and 22nd.

Report 7794 MAY 20 1977 Stonehaven, SCOTLAND LEVEL E FAPURG

A 35 year old farm worker was out fox-shooting at 23.00 when he saw a huge white disc with an 'orange' glow rise up between two trees and climb in a slow arc into the sky. It rose out of view towards Montrose.

Report 7795 MAY 20 1977 Thrybergh, S. Yorks LEVEL D UFORUM

Many people in the Rotherham area saw a brilliant white light at dusk. It was moving in a stop-star fashion across the sky.

Report 7796 MAY 21 1977 Polesworth, Wkshire LEVEL C UFORA Staffs
7797 Uttoxeter, Staffs UFOSIS

These two reports seem to relate to the same phenomenon, both occurring at about 01.15 to 01.30. Mr Walshe and his father at Polesworth watched a brilliant white light pulsing in and out slowly move steadily on a descending path eastwards from the north west. It was in view four minutes and was observed through some binoculars. The witnesses were well acquainted with aircraft and had opportunity to view one moments later. This was further away than the previous object but could clearly be heard as an aircraft. The other object was silent. To the north at Uttoxeter, Mrs Jagger was startled in bed by the appearance of a bright 'star' but on going to the window she found that it was one large star leading a row of four smaller ones. They came from the south west turned east and then turned south again. All told they were in view approximately 5 minutes. She is adamant that if they were lights on, say, an aircraft then the aircraft was right on top of her garden - such was the immense size! Even when the object turned a row of lights remained visible (possibly indicating a disc). Were these two sightings of the same thing - one close up and one at a distance?

Report 7799 MAY 21 1977 Birmingham, West Mid LEVEL C UFOSIS

A seventeen year old aircraft spotter says that he saw three silver spheres moving westwards. The first was seen at 14.35 but was indistinct due to the proximity of the sun. The other two were together at around 15.00. They remained in view about 40 seconds.

Report 77/100 MAY 22 1977 Sheffield, South Yorks LEVEL D UFORUM

This report is of interest from two points of view. Firstly it co-operates in time (23.30) with report 7783 from Oldham (see July NUN). This object was seen to the west, over the hills which separate Sheffield from Oldham. On this occasion a woman first spotted a vertical cigar of orange light, stationary in the sky.

She watched it for a few seconds before it went out. Five minutes later a faint glow appeared in the same spot and grew in brightness. It then changed into a

round shape (2), then a horizontal cigar (1) (2) (3) (4)
(3) and then back to a vertical one. Three other witnesses now watched for five minutes as it faded from view. The initial witness stayed watching and 10-15 minutes later it reappeared in a vertical position but wavering about from side to side. After 3 or 4 minutes it vanished. You will note (those of you with good memories that is!) that this description tallies remarkably well with the observations from Royton on May 13 1975 (NUFON 7530). Seems like some peculiar optical effects are encountered across the Pennine moorlands at this time of year.

Report 77/101 MAY 24 1977 Birmingham, West Mid LEVEL A UFOSIS

Again two observations which seem to interlink. At Cleveland Towers (home of UFOSIS) at the same time as Philip Rogers and Ian Sanderson were having a meeting a witness elsewhere in the tower block saw a white oval with various lights or windows on it. It was only in view very briefly. Time about 22.50. At 23.05 from Erdington a further witness saw three green lights surrounded by a 'forcefield' in a cigar shape. It moved very fast and was in view only a few seconds. Both these observations may have related to a fireball meteor.

Report 77/102 MAY 27 1977

Altrincham, Gtr M/Cr

LEVEL A

MUFORA

A man and wife driving through Altrincham towards Sale at 08.45 passed by a long white cigar shape with a red light on one end. It was stationary between houses (possibly hovering over a nearby football field). It was lost to view after about two minutes as they drove past. (Errata - the man was with his 16 year old daughter not his wife).

FLAP OF REPORTS FROM SWINTON

Report by Ron Sergeant (MUFORA)

LEVEL A

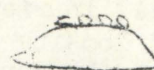
The Swinton area of Greater Manchester has been the scene of some interesting encounters in the past (eg on December 12/13 1975). The present series of reports began on MAY 27 at 23.15 (note consistency of time). 16 year old Tracy Holroyd saw a 'collapsing rectangle of golden light descending slowly behind some houses. She waved her arms about trying to point it out to others with her, but they did not see it. It was the apparent size of 2p at arms length and gave the subjective impression of being very large. It was in view 3 minutes to the south. (Report 77/103). On MAY 30 at about 23.00, again in the south, 20 year old Carolyn Ward and her mother saw a cluster of golden lights looking like a ship in the sky. The drawing illustrates a disc shape with lights on top. They sparkled more brightly than the stars. It almost did not move and was in view 15 seconds. It just switched off suddenly.

(Report 77/104). On JUNE 5th at 23.15

15 year old Catherine Chapman saw an orange/red ball of light with lights round the middle. It hovered in the south and then came towards her, here



MAY 27



MAY 30



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hovering for 30 seconds before returning back to its original position in an arc. It then disappeared for a few minutes, reappeared and did the same thing. After disappearing a second time Catherine watched for it but it did not come back. (Report 7787). Finally Caroline Ward had a second sighting on JUNE 21 at 20.00. She thought she heard loud voices outside, but on looking saw a silver cigar in the south. It moved east, turned black in colour, hovered for a few seconds and then moved back along the way it had come continuing past its point of first observation. (Report 77/107). The area to the south looks towards Manchester Airport and although descriptions do not tally it is possible that some of these accounts refer to aircraft with landing lights on. There were numerous aircraft movements around the times in question.

Report 77/105 JUNE 3 1977

Salford, Gtr M/Cr

LEVEL D

FAPURG

This report seems to give vindication to the meteor suggestion for report 7788 (see July NUN). The time was 23.10 and the witness saw a silver light moving parallel with the earth's surface and emitted white sparks. The main body then exploded into a shower of sparks. All of this took place in a matter of a second or so.

Report 77/106 JUNE 12 1977

Brecon, Powys

LEVEL B

UFORA Staffs

Two women and a man were travelling by car along the A40 near Brecon at 03.15 when they observed for a brief period (perhaps a minute) an object the size of a car in the sky. It was sausage shaped with a lump at one end coloured gold. It was in front of a darkish cloud, which was travelling along with it as it moved quite slowly. The car was slowed down to watch



the phenomenon, but not stopped. It vanished suddenly as if switched off.

Report 77/108 JUNE 29 1977

Sheffield, South Yorks

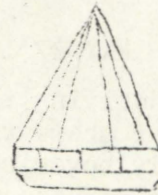
LEVEL B

UFORUM

15 year old Keith McCormick was returning from a shop this evening when he happened to glance out from the landing on the block of flats where he lives. He saw the object pictured overleaf come out from behind a cloud (which it illuminated) and hover there for about five seconds. It was seen in the north west

Report 77/108 cont...

and was the apparant size of a tennis ball. A dog nearby suddenly began to behave oddly and barked furiously. The object then accelerated away to the horizon at a terrific speed and was lost to view inside of about 20 seconds.



Report 77/109 JULY 1 1977 Warrington, Cheshire LEVEL B MUFORA

The Warrington Guardian contacted Jenny Randles with a story from a hospital orderly who at 04.00 woke to find a brilliant white light shining into her bedroom. It hovered in the north eastern sky for two minutes before suddenly shooting up into a cloud. This was identified as Venus.

Report 77/110 JULY 5 1977 Marple, Cheshire LEVEL A DIGAP/MUFORA

The wife of the chief witness to report 7647 (June 7 1976) telephoned Jenny Randles at 00.15 on July 6 to report this incident which had just occurred. She runs a childrens home which overlooks farm land and a lake. Some of the children had first seen the light at 23.00. It hovered, vanished, moved above the trees and hovered again. It also changed colour from white to orange and elongated. It was at least three times as bright as any star (the night was clear). The object was still in view when the call was made, but despite going to a high vantage point and looking east south east (Marple is about 14 miles from Irlam) nothing was seen by Jenny Randles. Object had now vanished but witness was urged to try to take a time exposure photograph (she had a loaded camera). The object did come back but only briefly. No picture was taken. DIGAP following this up.

Report 77/111 JULY 18 1977 Hilderstone Level, Staffs

This is a strange case, related to me by Terry Shotton (investigator for UFORA Staffs). He was returning from a meeting by car with Chris Bourhe. Time about 23.02. Terry, who is a very rational person, felt on edge and he told Chris that they were going to 'see' something. In a joke he said, "When we turn this corner what would you do if we came face to face with a UFO" - They did!

What they saw was an orange light. They stopped the car and watched it move slowly towards them growing brighter. It disappeared for ten seconds (possibly behind something) then reappeared very brilliant. It lit up the sky all around and the ground below. It was in view a total of two minutes (far too long for a flare) and sank slowly to the ground leaving a glow behind for several seconds.

This is the sixth experience Terry has had since November and the most frightening thing, he feels, is that he 'knew' it was going to happen. Since meeting 'Gary' (see MUFORA Link special report by Jenny Randles & Peter Warrington) he has found his viewpoint about UFOs changing dramatically. He now believes in a 'psychic' solution and feels collecting reports is leading us nowhere. He feels he has to 'do' something but he does not know what. His ufo experiences have all been in the presence of other witnesses. Terry sums it up nicely himself, "Coming from a ufo meeting and seeing a UFO - who would believe it? A year ago I would have laughed at the thought. If anyone had told me they had seen six UFOs I would have thought he was an idiot." Terry Shotton is certainly no idiot.

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NUFON PLANS FOR THE COMING FLAP

In view of predictions that the Autumn/Winter will bring a major flap (what is it that we have already I wonder?) NUFON is setting up 'Flap control' - constant monitor stations. ROY DUTTON, experienced NW ufologist, and JOHN CREE of NUFOIS are to be the control points. They will plot all incoming reports on a wall map and be able to give out to you constant updates on current activity so that you can search for cooperative reports. In order to do this you must call in to the appropriate number with any reports you obtain or send a postcard right away. It will not cost you much (all you need to do is give date, time, location and basic details) - and the benefits will be reaped back by the service this will create. Completed reports should come through to the NUN in the normal manner.

PLEASE NOTE THESE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES AND BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL YOUR MEMBERS. THE FLAP CONTROL WILL COMMENCE ON AUGUST 15TH.

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NEWS ROUND-UP: By Paul Whetnall (WUFOS)

NUFOIS now house the NUFON and UFOIN files and requests for these should quote the appropriate reference number and state NUFON FILES. Postage and photocopy costs will be charged but will be kept to a minimum. They also wish it to be noted that they have excellent printing facilities and offer highly competitive rates to anyone wishing to publish a special report etc. Last month Jenny Randles and Kathy Preston paid a visit to the HQ of FAPURG, where Bryan Hartley has a fantastic set up for world wide communication. The mail floods in at a fantastic rate and Bryan is doing a tremendous job for NUFON in handling all overseas liaison, including sending out something like 50 issues of NUN to overseas groups each month. So your work is being presented to the world's top ufologists thanks to Bryan, and the praise for our set up is apparently flowing in. Bryan is editing issue three of NORTHERN UFOLOGY - so articles etc to be sent to him please. It should be out for the Sept 10 conference. Bryan is to follow this with a new, regular publication for NUFON - an overseas digest. This will reprint important current cases from overseas. A cheap subscription rate joint with NUN will be offered next year. Bryan has been interviewed by a major Sunday newspaper who are to reprint his story of courage and determination in face of great personal disability (the reason why you never see him at NUFON meetings). Well done Bryan you deserve it. During late June there was a nationwide conference in Ireland, satged at Naas in County Kildare. The IURC attended in force and are to supply a report on this for NUN. They hope to conduct a regression experiment on the Ballymena car chase (see NUN Nov 76). This CE 1 may well be a CE 3 (another Betty and Barney Hill affair). MUFORA will be holding a series of open meetings/lectures as well as their closed Manchester meetings each month from October to March. Subjects will include extraterrestrial life, atmospheric optical phenomena and a discussion based on current high strangeness cases. A full programme will be given in the next issue. Jenny Randles was recently the subject of a feature article in the Warrington Guardian which began, "When most girls are still thinking about dolls Jennifer Randles was thinking about flying saucers..." !! After this amusing intro the article was very well presented. PULSE have just produced their second issue of PULSAR and it is well worth a read. Available on a subscription of £2.50 from Kathy Preston. Anyone interested in leyography should contact PULSE if they have not already done so. UFORUM have embarked on a series of research projects including leyography, the Bible and Astronomy. I have also received their second issue of their new magazine Commentary. A high standard of reports and interesting reading. Available from Susan Law. UFORA Staffs have been involved in some strange cases of late, including one where the lady not only sees ufos but has a cat that is possibly the reincarnation of two cats that died last year! (Investigation proceeding). They are also reinvestigating the Jessie Roostenberg case from Ranton for UFOIN. This was featured on the recent BBC TV documentary. FUFOR held their second meeting on June 22 and a lively debate ensued, with some criticism of NUFON (hopefully answered in last months editorial). Jenny Randles and myself are to pay them a visit at their next meeting. Finally, will any group involved in a research project let me know so that I can put them in touch with others working in a similar field - and please reply if I do.

NOTICES :: Grateful thanks are due to the Center for UFO Studies who have given NUFON a print out of all animal interference cases on UFOCAT. This can form the base for an excellent research project. Anyone interested contact Jenny Randles.

:: Gary Lanham (Ste 4 647 Roch St, East Kildonan, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA) would like a copy of "They walk amongst us" by Kurt Glemser. Any offers? Will pay.